Officer setting forth the names and description of the parties to every such assignment transfer or sub-lease and the particulars and effect thereof [Condition 1(8) of Schedule X to CLA, Rules 1937].

(v) *Lease of Agricultural Land:* Not to assign under-let, transfer or part with possession of the said land or any part thereof or any of his/their right or interests therein under these presents without the written sanction of the Military Estates Officer/Cantonment Board [Condition 1(6) of Schedule XIV to CLA 1937].

Purdiase of Advanccid Jet Trainer

8146. SHRI -SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned Rs. 300 crores for the purohase of Advanced Jet Trainer for Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, by when the acquisition of the let Trainer is litey to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MA-LLDCARJUN): (a) and (b) No Govern^ ment sanction has as yet been issued for the purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer. However, a budegtary a location of R3. 300 crores has been made, for this purpose, in the financial year 1995-96, After completion of technical negotiations with short listed vendors, a Detailed Project Report has been prepared to facilitate commercial negotiations.

Fending cases of pensions of army men

8147. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

SHRI J. S. RAJU: SHRI MBA R. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications are penn ding with Goverrunent regardingi pen,. •ions of army men;

(b) what are the reason* for delay i4 disposing of these cases; and

(.c) what steps Government propose to take to speedily dispose of the cases?

THE MINISHTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MA-LUKARJUN): (a) to (c) As on 30.4. 1995, 5,135 pension claims of retiredjie-leased Army personnel and 2,168 family pension claims of widows of ex-Army personnel were pending. The oldest pending service pension claim relates to Msrch, 1995 and of family pension per-tai.w to February, 1995. There is *no* delay in settlement of pension claims ot the Army personnel. For expeditious settlement of pension claims', extensive com-putzrisation has been introduced.

Froign fourney undertaken by officcn of Directorate of Defence Ectatea

8148. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: WiU the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) wheether it is a fact that Govem-meat have allowed some of the senior officers of the Directorate of Defence Estates, Central Command to undertake foreign journey;

(b) whether some of Jhe officers have been repeatedly visiting foreign countries;

(c) whether expenditure is being incurred by such cheers much beyond the resources available to them as per the known sourcea of their income;

(d) if so, the facts and details ot the officers who were allowed to undertake private visits to foreign countrica during the last three years;

(e) whether Government will enquire the sources of their income other than salaries etc.; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALr LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir. One lndian Defence Estates Service Officer posted in the Central Command has been granted